



THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 23, 1906.

**THE NEWS OF THE KILLING OF MR. SAMUEL SPENCER IN THE RAILWAY WRECK NEAR LYNCHBURG EARLY THIS MORNING, HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY MANIFESTATIONS OF SORROW IN ALEXANDRIA WHERE HE WAS SO WELL-KNOWN AND WHERE HE LIVED AT ONE TIME. THE DECEASED RODE FROM ONE RING OF THE LADDER TO ANOTHER UNTIL HE BECAME ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT RAILROAD MEN IN THE WORLD. HE WAS BORN MARCH 2, 1847, AT COLUMBUS, GA. HE WAS GRADUATED AS A CIVIL ENGINEER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, JULY 1869, AND ENTERED THE RAILROAD SERVICE IN AUGUST, 1869, AS A ROADMAN. IN 1872 HE BECAME CLERK TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NEW JERSEY SOUTHERN RAILWAY. HIS ADVANCEMENT WAS RAPID AND IN 1876 HE BECAME GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUPERINTENDENT OF THE VIRGINIA MIDLAND RAILWAY. SHIFTING TO THE B & O HE PASSED THROUGH THE OFFICES OF GENERAL MANAGER AND ALL THE VICE PRESIDENCIES UNTIL HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE ROAD IN 1887. FROM 1889 TO 1894 HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH J. PIERPONT MORGAN IN NEW YORK, REPRESENTING THE LATTER'S RAILROAD INTERESTS. IN JUNE, 1894, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY, WHICH POSITION HE HELD UNTIL THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. HE WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE GEORGIA SOUTHERN AND FLORIDA RAILROAD, THE CINCINNATI, NEW ORLEANS & TEXAS PACIFIC RAILWAY AND THE ALABAMA GREAT SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND DIRECTOR IN THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL AND CENTRAL OF GEORGIA RAILWAY, ERIE ROAD, OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP CO. AND WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY. HE IS SAID TO HAVE DONE MORE TOWARD MERGING THE RAILWAYS OF THE SOUTH INTO THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM THAN ANY OTHER MAN. PRESIDENT SPENCER WAS OF A SLIGHT BUILD, AND HAD STEEL GRAY HAIR AND MUSTACHE. IN APPEARANCE HE WAS A STRIKING MAN. HE HAD DONE MUCH FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH AND HAD GIVEN MANY THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO THE TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN THAT SECTION OF THE COUNTRY, AND ESPECIALLY IN GEORGIA, IN WHICH HIS ROAD CENTERS.**

**THE STATEMENT OF GILLETTE BEFORE THE JURY AT HERKIMER, N. Y., YESTERDAY, WILL, IT IS THOUGHT BY MANY, PROVE INJURIOUS TO HIM. WHILE IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR HIS LAWYERS IN THE FACE OF FACTS TO INDUCE THE JURY TO BELIEVE THAT GRACE BROWN JUMPED FROM THE BOAT ON MOOSE LAKE WITH SUICIDAL INTENT, THE ADMISSION OF THE ACCUSED THAT HE WITH FORCE ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS "SHAMEFULLY TREATED THE DEAD GIRL IS CALCULATED TO TURN AWAY FROM HIM MANY WHO HAD PROFFERED TO GIVE HIM THE BENEFIT OF REASONABLE DOUBTS. THERE IS NO DENYING THE FACT THAT THE YOUNG WOMAN WAS BEATEN TO DEATH BEFORE SHE WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE, AND THE AUTOPSY PROVES BEYOND ALL DOUBT THAT THERE WAS A MOTIVE FOR MURDERING HER. THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AGAINST GILLETTE GROWS PLAINER AS THE CASE PROCEEDS, AND HIS STATEMENT YESTERDAY WAS A BLUNDERING DEFENSE FROM START TO FINISH, ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN REHEARSING HIS STORY FOR WEEKS. HIS COUNSEL HAD ALSO BEEN COACHING HIM IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CROSS-EXAMINATION HE WAS TO ENDURE, BUT WITH ALL THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ORDEAL HIS STATEMENT BEFORE THE JURY FAILED IN ITS OBJECT. GILLETTE WAS FORCED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE WAS THE AUTHOR OF THE GIRL'S TROUBLES AND THAT EVEN HAD SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE IT WAS HIS CRUELTY THAT HAD DRIVEN HER TO DESPERATION.**

**FOLLOWING REPEATED PROTESTS BY THE CITIZENS OF EASTON, PA., ABOUT THE INEFFICIENT STREET-LIGHTING SERVICE GIVEN BY THE MUNICIPAL PLANT, MAYOR MARCH HAS DIRECTED THE CITY COUNCIL TO EITHER TAKE ACTION TO OBTAIN GOOD SERVICE OR ELSE TO HAND OVER THE STREET LIGHTING TO A PRIVATE CORPORATION. HE DECLARES THE PRESENT SERVICE IS "DANGEROUS FROM THE POLICE POINT OF VIEW, AND DANGEROUS AND UNBEARABLE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE CITIZENS." THERE HAS LONG BEEN COMPLAINT ABOUT THE SERVICE, BUT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS NOT BEEN ABLE UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL OPERATION OF THE PLANT TO GIVE THE CITY A SERVICE WHICH IS IN ANY WAY SATISFACTORY. THIS HAS BEEN THE EXPERIENCE OF MOST OF THE CITIES WHICH HAVE UNDERTAKEN MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC PLANTS.**

**THIRTEEN FARM LABORERS FROM ENGLAND ARRIVED IN RICHMOND, MONDAY, AND REPORTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, WHERE THEY FOUND MANY APPLICATIONS OF FARMERS ON HAND FOR SUCH LABOR. BY NIGHT MOST OF THEM HAD FOUND HOMES AND HAD STARTED FOR THEM. THIS IS NOT CONTRACT LABOR IN ANY SENSE. THE COMMISSIONER SIMPLY ADDRESSES THEM THAT THERE ARE MANY DEMANDS FOR FARM LABORERS TO COME TO VIRGINIA AND THEY CAN GET WORK. THE LAW AGAINST CONTRACT LABOR IS STRICTLY OBSERVED. ANOTHER PARTY OF A DOZEN FAMILIES ARE ON THEIR WAY AND Commissioner Koser says there is work in Virginia for 50,000 English farmers. They could find no better homes nor better soil to till than in Virginia.**

## News of the Day.

Two British aeroplanes yesterday went from near London to Verney, Switzerland, 420 miles in sixteen hours.

Monsignor Falconio, apostolic delegate to the United States, was presented to President Roosevelt yesterday.

A stranger called at the house of Mrs. Pauline Dubois, in New York, last night and, while a confederate kept the waiter busy answering the telephone, the man stole \$10,000 worth of jewels.

Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, of San Francisco, who, with his wife, is returning from a trip to Europe, was arrested at Truckee, Cal., yesterday on an indictment for extortion found by a grand jury in San Francisco.

Gen. A. B. Nettleton, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after an investigation, declares the President's course in the Brownsville incident the only one that was open to him and severely arraigns the negroes in the defending battalion.

Mayor Eugene Schmitz, who was arrested at Truckee, Wednesday afternoon on indictment charging extortion arrived in San Francisco shortly after midnight. He declared his innocence, and asserted that he welcome an opportunity to vindicate himself.

Representative Sheppard, of Texas, is preparing to introduce a bill providing for an income tax on the first day of Congress. He understands that the President will refer to the subject in the forthcoming message, and wishes to get a bill before Congress at the earliest moment.

Secretary Wilson reports that the products of American farms this year will amount to a total valuation of \$6,800,000,000, an increase of \$500,000,000 over last year. The total value of the farm properties of the United States is estimated by Secretary Wilson's department at \$28,000,000,000.

Mr. Jesse Tyson, formerly president of the Baltimore Chrome Works and a prominent clubman of Baltimore, died at his home, at Gylburn, near Mount Washington, yesterday of pneumonia. "I have the fairest wife, the fairest horses and the finest house in Maryland." This was a favorite boast of Mr. Tyson.

For the first time in a number of years neither the President, Secretary of War nor Secretary of the Navy will be in attendance upon the annual contest between the football teams of army and navy academies, which will be held at Philadelphia Saturday. All three are very busy getting ready for the opening of Congress on Monday.

For five years from March 31 next when it will be abandoned as a regular army post, old Fort McHenry in Baltimore harbor will be in the possession of the Maryland National Guard. It will be cared for by the park board of that city and policed by the Baltimore police department. Its fate after this five-year period is uncertain.

Frederick Pomeroy, traffic manager of the New York Central Railway, died late Monday night at his home in Brooklyn. The recent worry he underwent in connection with the trial of the New York Central for giving rebates to the sugar trust told heavily on Mr. Pomeroy, who was himself fined \$6,000 personally for his connection in the matter.

Representative Burton, of Ohio, who is at Hot Springs, Va., will return to Washington today, and has called a meeting of the House Rivers and Harbors committee for that day to take up the rivers and harbors bill, which it is said will be passed during the coming session. It is not known what amount it will carry, but it will be in general believed, he is not less than \$50,000,000.

If the allegations against Senator Bailey, of Texas, are proved, his defeat for reelection to the Senate was said to be almost certain. It is charged that Senator Bailey was paid various sums of money by the Water-Pierce Oil Company, and that he borrowed \$8,000 which was audited by the Standard Oil Company. Bailey denied on the stump that he had ever been paid any money by either of the companies.

A search to ascertain the cause of a leakage in the beer cellar of a restaurant in Birmingham, England, revealed that rats had gnawed a beer duct with the apparent deliberate intention of causing, as a number of rodents were found wallowing in a shallow flood of beer in various stages of inebriety. Some were helplessly drunk, others were zigzagging about in a befuddled manner, while others were seemingly unable to control their legs. There were no escapes.

Because his young son was severely chastised for refusing to march from the schoolroom beside a negro girl, John Berger, accompanied by an attorney, appeared Tuesday night before the School Board at Corcoran, a suburb of Pittsburg, Pa., and demanded the dismissal of Superintendent C. C. Marshall. Mr. Berger served notice on the board that if the superintendent was not dismissed he would take the matter into the courts. Superintendent Marshall will be asked to resign.

At the Metropolitan Opera House in New York last night Enrico Caruso, the Italian tenor, made his first public appearance since his recent conviction in a police court on the charge of annoying women in Central Park. The opera was "Le Bohème," and Caruso sang Rodolfo to Mme. Sembrich's Mimì. The audience, which was a brilliant one, gave the tenor a cordial reception, which was accepted by his friends as a public vindication. At the end of the first act Caruso was recalled five times and then would no longer respond.

## Virginia Weddings.

Miss Helen Ferguson, daughter of the late Rev. Sidney G. Ferguson, was married yesterday evening at the home of James W. Foley, at Berryville, Charles county, to William A. Coleman.

Miss Inez Montague, daughter of Mrs. Percy Montague, was married to Mr. James Taylor Robinson in the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, yesterday evening by Rev. Russell Cecil.

Mr. Paul W. Garrett, of Leesburg, and Mrs. Mary Scates, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., were married in Washington yesterday evening.

When the tip of a dog's nose is cold and moist, that dog is not sick. A feverish dog means sickness with a dog. And so with the human life. Dry, cracked and colorless lips mean feverishness, and are as well ill as the dog's nose. To have beautiful, pale, velvet lips is to have a dog's nose. Dr. J. C. Green's Green Ointment. It will soothe and heal any skin ailment. Get a free trial box at our store, and be convinced. Large Nickel Capped glass jars 25 cents. E. S. Leister & Sons.

## EDUCATIONAL.

The general conference and several special meetings of the Virginia Library Association gave the educators a busy day of it in Richmond yesterday. The general conference at the Seventh Christian Church was under the auspices of the school officials' conference.

State Librarian J. P. Kennedy told the teachers how to secure school libraries through State aid. Dr. J. A. Chandler addressed the conference on the relation of education to the Jamestown Exposition. Dr. A. R. Spofford, of the National Library of Congress, was one of the speakers at the night session. His subject was "A World of Books."

Deep earnestness and great enthusiasm marked the conference of school superintendents, held in the hall of the House of Delegates. The leading subject was the recognition of diplomas and certificates granted by State institutions and colleges by private schools and academies. The speeches were limited to 15 minutes. Dr. James Cannon said the supply of teachers was entirely inadequate. He suggested the increase of salaries, so as to make teaching a profession instead of a makeshift; an increase of the centers of supply, and a standard for examination set by the State board and subject to examination.

Superintendent Hall, of Fairfax county, created a sensation, when he said: "At the present time, Mr. Chairman and brother superintendents, there are scores of young women teaching in this State whose license to teach is illegally given, and, therefore, they are pursuing a profession to which they have neither the title nor the recognition of the law. What I mean to say is this: That the State Board of Examiners, recently appointed by the State Board of Education under the sanction of the last Legislature, has gone to work and issued a lot of certificates to applicants for teachers' positions in the county schools, when under the statutes governing their actions, they had not a title, not an act of right, so to do. Therefore, I declare their whole action illegal. Their authority is not found in the Virginia code, and exists nowhere but in their own minds. Every single one of the emergency certificates issued by this same board of examiners is unlawful. It is without authority, and the teacher practicing under that illegally issued certificate, is teaching a county school without the proper authority to do so."

Speaker Hill's remarks were controverted by several speakers. Superintendent of Public Instruction Eggleston in a speech declared that the meager pay accorded public school teachers in this State has done more to hinder the proper advancement of education than any other one thing. He appealed to the superintendents to lend their energies to raising the standard of teachers. He said he wanted to see a law authorizing adequate pay for the teachers.

D. L. Pulliam, of Manchester, and R. L. Dobbie, of Norfolk, spoke strongly for the better recognition of trained teachers. On recommendation of the nominating committee chosen yesterday, the following executive committee was appointed: D. M. Brown, W. D. Smith, Geo. H. Hulvey, H. M. Clarkson and D. L. Pulliam.

The Virginia Library Association met in the State Library building yesterday with large attendance. Suggestions were passed commending the ordinance adopted by the finance committee of the city council appropriating \$5,000 in aid of the Poe Monument Association to erect a monument to the great American poet. The following officers were elected: President, John P. Kennedy; vice president, John S. Sargent, Norfolk; second vice president, J. S. Patton, Charlottesville; secretary, Edward S. Evans, Richmond; treasurer, Mary G. Lacey, Blacksburg. A. R. Spofford, of the National Library, addressed the association this afternoon.

As a result of the educational conference yesterday, a State teachers' association was organized with the following officers: President, F. B. Fitzgerald, Gate City; secretary, J. H. Binford, Richmond; treasurer, N. P. Painter, Roanoke; vice presidents, James G. Nook, Parkley; J. H. Saunders, Portsmouth; J. D. Turner, Richmond; Josiah Gaines, Emporia; Edgar Snyder Strickler, Ormond Stone, J. H. Harris, Warrenton; P. M. Gardner, J. G. Jeter, Covington.

## Killed in Explosion.

A dispatch from Berlin says that a "robust" factory, near Witten, Westphalia, exploded yesterday evening and was wiped from the face of the earth. Many persons were killed, but the exact number cannot yet be ascertained. People say it is far above 50. About 100 persons were wounded, and already have been conveyed to hospitals.

The detonation was heard throughout the entire surrounding industrial region, which is thickly settled. All the windows in the adjacent town of Annen were destroyed by the concussion, and many houses unroofed. No house escaped injury. The inhabitants of the immediate neighborhood fled, anticipating another explosion in the vaults of the factory.

Roburit is an explosive of high power, composed of saltpetre, ammonia, sulphur and other ingredients. It is not easily exploded by a blow, and it can be burned with safety in the open air. Its power is second to that of dynamite.

## Drawn Fight.

The fight between Tommy Burns and Jack O'Brien at Los Angeles, Cal., last night was declared a draw at the end of the twentieth round.

The fight was fierce throughout, first one and then the other having the advantage. Both men were badly battered up, but both showed remarkable game.

## \$100 Reward.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietor has so much faith in its curative powers that he offers One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for full particulars.

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The sympathy of the crowd was well divided, and the cheering was continuous. Jeffries was kept busy with the men, who fought cleanly, however, and no foul tactics were adopted.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers. The most reliable pill on the market. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 401 King street.

An Eventful Voyage. New York, Nov. 23.—After the hardest voyage she ever made, the Oceanic, from Liverpool, reached port late last night. For three days and nights she battled with a fierce storm and Captain Cameron is suffering from injuries sustained in being swept from the bridge by a big wave. The captain was caught by the full force of the terrific wave as it broke over the ship and rolled along the deck. He was swept off his feet and fell to the deck, striking his head against a bulkhead. When the sailors rushed to his aid, he was unconscious. The window of the passenger's cabin was smashed by the water and the passengers who were on deck to watch the storm were knocked down and forced to huddle on the lee side. They were unable to reach the companionway to descend while the fury of the sea was at its height.

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## Terrible Railway Accident

Head-on Collision Near Lynchburg on the Southern Railway—President Samuel Spencer, D. W. Davis and Mr. Schuyler Among the Killed.

Shortly before noon today a report was circulated throughout the city that a terrible accident had occurred on the Danville division of the Southern Railway. It was known that passenger train No. 37 had collided with No. 33, both southbound, a short distance south of Lynchburg. It was known that several persons had been killed, but it was impossible to obtain details. Later it was announced that President Samuel Spencer was one of the victims, as was also Mr. D. Walter Davis, the managing telegrapher of the company. Others were believed to have lost their lives also.

President Spencer left Washington last night in his private car, No. 100, which was attached to No. 37. This train was followed later by No. 37. Both were late when they passed this city. The former generally passes through this city shortly after 10 o'clock, and No. 37 an hour later.

After the rumor of the accident had been circulated the Southern Railway issued the following official announcement regarding the wreck:

"Southern Railway passenger train No. 33 left Washington last night late, by reason of congested holiday traffic. About 6:30 today at Lawler's, Va., on a portion of the road protected by block system, the train stopped for slight repairs to a coupling. Passenger train No. 37, following No. 33, and being given a clear block, ran into the rear of No. 33, resulting in a serious wreck. Our present advice indicates the collision was probably due to negligence of the operator in allowing No. 37 to pass the block. President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway Company, and a party of friends were in an officers' car at the rear of No. 33, and the reports are that President Spencer is killed and several of the party seriously injured."

Later advice received by the Southern leaves no doubt as to the death of President Spencer. It is stated that Mr. Schuyler, a guest of President Spencer, was also killed. None of Mr. Spencer's family was on the car.

Mr. D. Walter Davis, manager of telegraphy for the Southern Railway, who was in the car, was also instantly killed. It is said that quite a number of officials and prominent capitalists who were in the Spencer car met death when the crash came. All the circumstances go to show that Mr. Spencer met a horrible death by cremation. His private car was split open and afterward burned. His body was so blackened and charred that it could not be recognized by his friends when taken out.

President Spencer was the best known Southern Railway magnate and had under his direct control one of the largest railroad systems in the world. He was right hand man of J. P. Morgan. He was well-known in Alexandria, he having years ago been general superintendent of the Virginia Midland Railway before that road was merged into the Southern system. He was a popular gentleman, who had been promoted from one position to another by his industry and genius, and all who knew him will regret to hear of his death.

Mr. D. Walter Davis was also well-known in this city, where he had many friends and acquaintances. He leaves a widow, daughter of Mr. E. C. Joyce.

Advice received at the Southern Railway offices indicate that every occupant of Mr. Spencer's car was either killed or injured. It is feared that there were many other casualties.

A special train loaded with physicians and nurses left Lynchburg for the scene of the wreck as soon as it could be made up. Following is the official list of killed, missing and injured as given out at 11:40.

## KILLED.

Samuel Spencer, of Washington, President of the Southern Railway; Philip Schuyler, of New York, retired capitalist.

D. W. Davis, of Washington, telegrapher.

Charles D. Fisher, of Baltimore, member of firm of Gill & Fisher, commission merchants.

Francis T. Radwood, of Baltimore.

## INJURED.

E. A. Merville, of New York, Secretary to President Spencer, slightly; Samuel Cox, colored, cook in private car badly; Wm. Pollard, colored, porter badly; Gilland Thomas, colored, porter, seriously; Wm. J. Winston, colored, seriously; Allen Lean, colored, seriously; Luceria Allen, colored, seriously; Preston Bone, colored, seriously.

The colored people injured were occupants of the car in front of President Spencer's car. Both of these cars afterward caught fire and were destroyed, as well as the club car on train 37 which ran into No. 33.

News was received shortly before noon that all the injured had been taken to Lynchburg for treatment.

Mr. Kosciusko Kemper, Jr., and bride who were married at Delaplane yesterday evening, came down the Manassas branch and took train No. 33 at Manassas. They were in the Pullman car next to Mr. Spencer's, which was burned, but neither Mr. Kemper nor his bride were hurt.

Danville, Va., Nov. 23.—At 12 o'clock it was stated on the authority of those who have been clearing away the wreckage that four men were killed outright, in the wreck of President Spencer's car and almost a score seriously injured. It is expected that some of the injured will die. The wreckage took fire immediately after the crash and the wrecked coaches were entirely consumed by the flames.

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## Cathedral Consecrated.

Richmond, Nov. 23.—Every train arriving in Richmond yesterday and today added to the number of Catholic clergymen gathered here to participate in the solemn and impressive religious ceremony of the consecration of Sacred Heart Cathedral, which took place today. Many high dignitaries of the church arrived last night. They were met by a guard of honor at the Catholic University in Washington and escorted to this city. Cardinal Gibbons, six archbishops and ten bishops, with their secretaries, were in the party. Priests from every city in the State and several from distant parts of the country arrived yesterday morning. The cathedral, which is considered the handsomest Catholic edifice in the South, is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, of Virginia, to the diocese of Richmond. The edifice was magnificently decorated and was crowded to its fullest extent. At 6 o'clock this morning, with all the solemn pomp and dignity of the ancient ritual of the Catholic Church, the splendid temple was consecrated by Monsignor Falconio, archbishop of Larissa and delegate apostolic of the holy father, assisted by Bishop Van De Vyver and other dignitaries. At 11 a. m. there was a pontifical high mass, conducted by Bishop Maes, of Covington. The sermon was by Archbishop Keen, of Dubuque, cardinal, delegates, archbishops, bishops, monsignori and priests took part in the services at which Mr. and Mrs. Ryan were present.

The services were among the most impressive ever held in the State. At 8 p. m. there will be solemn vespers and benediction will be pronounced by Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis.

## Horrible Devastation.

Dartmouth, Nov. 23.—Most horrible devastation and destruction greets the eyes of the remaining residents of Annen, seven miles southwest of here, where a terrible explosion in a factory last night actually wiped the buildings off the face of the earth.

Three hundred are said to be dead. Work of rescue is attended by the greatest danger, as more explosions are feared. Two great detonations were heard last night over the entire surrounding region, which is thickly settled. They were close together and about 8:30 o'clock the town of Annen was reported to be a heap of ruins. Houses were shaken from their foundations and crumpled like paper. Residents of the neighborhood fled in panic.

Latest advice from Dartmouth, Germany, are that fifty persons were killed and ninety-six injured seriously in the Annen explosion. Several hundred persons were slightly hurt.

## Count Boni.

New York, Nov. 23.—Count Boni de Castellani wishes to appear on the American stage, with two provisions. One is that he be given a part permitting him to be an "artist," and not an "attraction," and the other is that he receive the modest sum of \$2,000 per week for forty weeks. This information is contained in a letter to Low Fields from a Parisian vaudeville promoter. It is hinted that Boni may be using the proposition as a club to induce the Goulds to make a settlement upon him.

## Daring Robbery.

New York, Nov. 23.—Michael Connelly, a produce merchant, was assaulted and robbed by three highwaymen on the war platform of a Broadway car early today. For some time the robbery in the worst committed in the city for many years. The street was crowded with people. Connelly was standing on the platform when three men got on board. The conductor went inside the car. Suddenly one of the men struck Connelly with a black jack and he fell to the floor. In an instant, the other two bandits were upon him. They took his pocketbook containing thirty-five dollars and his gold watch and chain. Then the highwaymen stepped off the car. The other passengers did not realize what had taken place until the robbers had gone.

## Virginia News.

Thomas H. James, of Hamilton, Loudoun county, died Wednesday afternoon at his home, aged 82 years. Mr. James had been living in Hamilton since his return from Texas, where he accumulated a large fortune.

Mr. M. E. Mays, of Amherst county, an aged lady, while attempting to cross the track at the Union station, Charlottesville, was struck by No. 3 passenger train eastbound, on the Chesapeake and Ohio road yesterday, resulting in a broken arm, several broken ribs and painful bruises about the body.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad Company yesterday paid its assessed taxes for the year to State Auditor Mayo by check for \$246,451.79. The same had last year paid \$217,144.13. All railroad and steamboat companies are required to pay this tax by December 1 under 5 per cent penalty. The Norfolk and Western is the only road which has paid so far.

The legislative committee appointed to investigate the Virginia Polytechnic Institute made its report to the Governor yesterday and gave the institution a clean bill. The committee declares that the management has been able and efficient, and that the appropriations have been wisely and honestly expended. The committee refers to the manner in which the expelling of young Christian, of Richmond, was eliminated from investigation by the board. The committee recommends that a department of mining engineering be organized and equipped as part of the course. The report is short and business-like.

## Deaths from Appendicitis.

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## MARRIED.

At Christ Church Thursday evening, November 23, Rev. Berryman Green assisted by Rev. William J. Morton, LAURENCE STABLE and LUCY CHANDLER LEADBEATER, daughter of Mrs. Edward Stable Leadbeater, all of this city.

## IN MEMORIAM.

In loving but sad remembrance of our dear daughter, ANNE R. MEAD, who went to dwell with the angels November 23, 1892. Seven mournful years have vanished. Think I while the two drives start. But the memory of our dear daughter is still as fresh within our hearts. Oh, the misery of these dreary days, when we so fondly fondle her bed. Till death at last shall come. And we know her soul had fled. Oh, since then our life is added. Since that day our hopes were slain. But her voice seems still crying, "Courage, we will meet again."

## BY HER FATHERS.

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## THE WHISKY OF OUR FOREFATHERS.

Continental Pure Rye, 75c full quart, 25c a pint; Overholt, bottled in bond, and Paul Jones Pure Rye, 50c full quart; Port, Sherry, Champagne and Claret, 25c a quart. All the leading brands of fine wine and liquors for family trade. Phone 35 or drop mail. HARLOW BROTHERS, Cameron and Royal Streets.

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## Mutiny on Warship.

It was learned in Newport News yesterday that fifty or sixty stokers of the crew of the armored cruiser Tennessee are confined in the brig aboard the vessel, awaiting trial on the charge of mutiny. The officers decline to discuss the affair, but according to the story told ashore by sailors, the stokers rebelled Monday morning last, while the Tennessee, with the Washington, was conveying the battleship Louisiana, bearing President Roosevelt and his party home from the Panama trip.

The President ordered a forced draft run of four hours, and the ships began preparations for the spurt. The stokers on the Tennessee are said to have refused to work under forced draft conditions, and for this reason the Tennessee dropped behind in the race that followed.

The mutineers were hustled into the brig, other men were put in their places, and the cruiser succeeded in arriving in Chesapeake Bay soon after the Louisiana.

A report yesterday morning was to the effect that the mutiny occurred on the Washington, and that this caused that vessel to arrive late. Further investigation makes it seem certain, however, that an accident to the engines of the Washington was responsible for her delayed arrival, and that the mutiny took place on the Tennessee.

The Louisiana, Tennessee and Tacoma are at anchor in Hampton Roads. Sailors off the Louisiana and Tacoma have been given almost unlimited liberty, but since the arrival of the Tennessee hardly any of her men have been allowed ashore.

## Rockefeller Gifts to Virginia Schools.

Announcement was made in New York yesterday that at a meeting on Tuesday of the General Educational Board, which has charge of the John D. Rockefeller foundation for higher education, the following appropriations were made:

Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., \$50,000; Drury College, Springfield, Mo., \$50,000; Richmond College, Richmond, Va., \$150,000; Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., \$5,000; Iowa College, Grinnell, Ia., \$100,000. This makes a total of \$667,500 contributed from the income of the Rockefeller foundation since the gift was received, in October, 1905. These gifts are made conditionally, and when the conditional amounts are raised the total contributed for the endowment of colleges will be \$2,670,000.

President Harry P. Judson, of the University of Chicago, was elected a member of the general education board, succeeding the late Dr. Harger, and President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and Hollis B. Fessell, of Hampton Institute, were elected members of the board.

Subsequently the members of the general education board of Rockefeller foundation met the members of the executive committee of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement